3M Chapter Achievement Award Submission
March 1, 2012 for the year 2011
CHICA-HANDIC Philosophy

- We believe the focus of CHICA-HANDIC is the exchange of information and education on infection control issues along with educational development of the group. As a chapter, we endorse the philosophy of the parent body CHICA-Canada working together for the prevention of infection in health care settings.
Hello 3M Chapter Achievement Award Committee Members:

Please see the YouTube video found at this link:  
http://youtu.be/oLuHWuZxbYI

The video will describe some of the required components deemed by this award application and will detail our CHICA-HANDIC 2011 activities. The following slides complete the required content for this application and will direct you to our supporting documents.

Regards,

CHICA-HANDIC
Who We Are
Where We Are
What We Do
How We Do It!
CHICA-HANDIC – Our History

1971: We began with a small group of Infection Control Practitioners in Hamilton, Ontario

1974: The group expanded its borders to include surrounding areas → Hamilton and Neighbouring Districts in Infection Control (HANDIC)

1980: HANDIC became a chapter of CHICA-Canada

2006: The chapter name was changed to CHICA-HANDIC

We are 32 years young (or does it count as 41 years?)
Geographic Area Served

A region in Southern Ontario, the Hamilton and Neighbouring Districts include:

• Hamilton
• Halton (Burlington, Oakville, Milton)
• Mississauga
• Cambridge, Fergus, Guelph
• Brantford
• St. Catharines
• Niagara
• Haldimand-Norfolk
Our Membership

The CHICA-HANDIC membership has novice and experienced professionals from various disciplines:

• Nurses, Public Health Inspectors, Medical Laboratory Technologists, Emergency Medical Services and Industry representatives of varying backgrounds.

• The majority of members hold positions and/or responsibilities in/or for infection prevention and control in acute care, long term care, community health, public health and Regional Infection Control Networks (RICNs).
CHICA-HANDIC Today

• We have 131 paid members!
• Approximately 25-30 people attend each meeting
• We have great discussions; all members participate
• More would like to attend but they need to cover their hospitals/facilities so they rotate their attendance at our meetings
Our Chapter Meetings

• We meet 5 times a year; the 3rd Friday in February, April, July, September and November from 0900-1500

• Our meetings are held at St. Joseph’s Villa in Dundas, Ontario (a central place)

• The morning is devoted to business, followed by an educational session
Our Chapter Meetings - continued

- Minutes of each meeting are posted on the CHICA-HANDIC website (which is password protected – members only)
Our Chapter Meetings

Our Welcome

• We introduce ourselves by name and where we work and welcome guests (more to follow on this)
• Everyone is reminded to sign the attendance sheet
• We ask who passed their CIC/SARE since last meeting and also announce moves or changes. (We are a “close knit” group.)
• A question sheet is circulated at the beginning of the meeting
• Often, we also pass around a list for pizza!

(Note: We changed our terms of reference this year to provide guidelines for vendor sponsorship for lunches and snacks.)
Our Chapter Meetings

Our Business Meeting involves:

• Dealing with business arising

• Standing agenda items:
  – President’s Report, interest groups and committees etc.

• New business
Our Chapter Meetings – IPAC

The most popular part of our chapter meeting, which engages us all, is sharing our IPAC experiences through:

• Alerts and outbreaks (non-minuted) from the health care facilities (hospitals and long term care usually) and the public health units

AND
Our Chapter Meetings – IPAC - continued

• Sharing of evidence-based literature or new guidelines or new initiatives and successes

AND

• Questions. The chair reads the questions (so the source can remain anonymous if he/she chooses) and anyone can respond with their practice, ideas, concerns, consensus and directions to the evidence-based literature.

*There is always lively discussion!*
Sample questions:

- Do you use multi-use breast milk pumps in your NICU setting? How are they processed?
- Do you allow visits to bring soap for their use in your institution?
- Are you using maintenance checklists on your central line bundles?
- Does anyone risk stratify for SSIs using NHSN risk category index? Do you use different benchmark rates according to the risk category?
Our Chapter Meetings – IPAC - continued

Here are some testimonials from chapter members following a recent meeting:

As an EMS liaison, I am new to IPAC and find these meetings really interesting and informative and can adapt what I learn at the meetings to my practice setting. I gave a talk to the chapter about what I do and they were interested in my story.

I’m a new ICP and really am learning a lot from these meetings – both the formal and informal aspect is so valuable! I really appreciated being welcomed, too.
CHICA-HANDIC Executive Meetings and Other Committees

- The executive meets a few weeks prior to each meeting and corresponds by e-mail in between.

- We were meeting in person, then we were able to meet in a room with videoconferencing capability which has made it much easier for our executive to meet.
Education Committee

- We have an education committee who plans our annual conference and speakers for each meeting.
- Our conference planning cycle and a master template for duties for the conference contribute to our successful educational days.
- The education committee meets during each chapter meeting from November to July.
- Most of our members attend this event and pitch in to assist in the day’s success.

“Many hands make light work!”
# Educational Day Planning Cycle

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<td>Speakers are firmed up, a “Save the Date Flyer” is sent, registration form follows and is widely disseminated throughout Southern Ontario</td>
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<td>Finalize plans</td>
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<td>July</td>
<td>Debrief. Use evaluations to begin the cycle again.</td>
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CHICA-HANDIC

2011 Highlights and Successes: A Year in Review
February 18, 2011 Meeting

Our educational session was presented by: Dr. Catherin Filejski, DVM who spoke about “Zoonotic Influenza”
Networking

A delegation from CHICA-HANDIC attended a CHICA-TPIC Educational Day in February
Networking - continued

This is what we like to do after our business is done.
Networking - externally

The CHICA-HANDIC President attended other CHICA-Chapter meetings:

• a CHICA-PANA meeting in February and

• 2 CHICA-TPIC meetings
April 15, 2011 Meeting

We enjoyed the following activities during our educational session:

1. CHICA-HANDIC 3M submission was presented to the membership

2. Cheryl Collins, ICP at Macassa and Wentworth Lodges showed her awesome video of their IPAC skit

3. Brant Community Healthcare System’s hand hygiene video was played. It went “viral” on YouTube.

See: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r8dxbjKErBE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r8dxbjKErBE)
Our chapter supported 17 of our members to attend the CHICA-Canada Toronto conference 2011. It was great to see so many of our members there!
Representation at the CHICA-Canada National Conference in Toronto, 2011

• Prior to the conference, we assigned at least one chapter member to each interest group and every committee meeting
• Result: We attended all except one*
• Attendees took notes and shared their experience(s) at our next chapter meeting
CHICA-Canada Toronto Conference

Our chapter members chaired the following interest group meetings:

Mark Jefferson – Oncology Interest Group
Cheryl Collins – Long Term Care Interest Group
Barb Shea – Healthcare Facility Design and Construction
Risa Cashmore – Community Health
We Won The CIC Chapter Achievement Award!

Marilyn Weinmaster (L) presents the CIC Chapter Award 2010 to Risa Cashmore (R) CHICA-HANDIC President 2010-2011 during the CHICA-Canada National Conference in Toronto in May, 2011
CHICA-Canada Toronto 2011
Conference Contributors
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Shasta Gibson, ICP, Credit Valley Hospital accepted the winning Ecolab poster award for their hospital.
May 5th – “Hands Down Hoedown” – Our 15th Annual Educational Day

• On World Hand Hygiene Day
• **378** attendees from all sectors of health care (acute, long term care, community, public health, corrections, EMS etc.)
• **12** vendors had booths for the day
• We used a western-type theme
  – See the CJIC Summer 2011 journal for more details!
Flyer and Registration Form for our Educational Day

Please see “Supporting Documents” for more information about our educational day.
Deb Loyd – a “Laughter Therapist” was our keynote speaker: “Education Through Storytelling”
Education Sub-Committee
Audience has their “hands up” for our Hands Up Hoedown!
Conference Chair
Shalom Village Singers
We had a “walking booth” to promote our chapter
July 29th Meeting

Our July meeting is always dedicated to debriefing our educational conference followed by a short business meeting.

We started with a gourmet breakfast (as per Colin and Justin) and had a catered Chinese food lunch!

This was a business meeting, and we debriefed our educational day and the interest groups meetings from the CHICA-Canada Toronto conference.
September 16, 2011 Meeting

Educational Session:
Vaccination information-
Manuela Lopez, Public Health
Nurse, Hamilton Public Health
Services
Communicable Disease
Surveillance Protocols

• Pizza lunch was sponsored by Virox
Infection Control Week 2011

See the following pictures of Infection Control Week activities by various hospitals, long term care facilities and EMS
INFECTION PREVENTION and CONTROL WEEK
October 17-21, 2011

All about Prevention & Control

Break the Chain of Infection!
NAME THE RECRUIT

Identify as many astronauts as you can who are involved in the "War on Drugs," and your chance to win fantastic prizes.
Flu Shot Challenge!
• See our accompanying “YouTube” video for a collage of pictures!

• We funded 17 organizations $100 each for their IC week activities
November 18, 2011 Meeting

We had 3 submissions for our chapter’s “Out of the Box” Award. They were presented to the membership and we voted for the most “out of the box” thinking!

Infection Control – Timeless
CSICN

IPAC Carnival
Trish Hutton

HRLMP IPAC Challenge
Connie Gittens-Webber and Andrea Iacuriti
And the winner is.............
Out-Of-The-Box-Award Winner!
Central South Infection Control Network

Infection Control – Timeless

CSICN Staff: L to R: Stefanie Ralph (Network Coordinator), Oksana Zaporsan (Network Administrative Assistant), Virginia Tirilis (Infection Control Consultant) receive the award from the award founder (far right) Diane Thornley
November 18, 2011 Meeting – Educational Session

Sandra Callery presented “A Different Kind of Retail Therapy”. It was a fabulous talk about Product Evaluation – “buyer beware!”
CJIC 2011 Submissions

• Our chapter was featured in
  • Spring,
  • Summer,
  • Fall and
  • Winter!

• See our “YouTube” video for more details about each submission!
New Initiatives 2011

- We have a new banner!
- We’ve changed our Terms of Reference to change the terms of President Elect and Past President to one year to encourage succession and interest in the roles (instead of a 2 year term)
- We have changed our Terms of Reference to include vendor guidelines
- We updated our website!
Initiatives Related to the CHICA-Canada 2010-2015 Strategic Plan
GOAL 1: Raise the profile of the association and its activities
GOAL 1 - continued

In the past year we:

• Revisited vendor support for sponsoring our chapter meetings
• Maintained the attendance at our annual conference day
• Improved our community involvement
• Finalized our new CHICA-HANDIC banner and unveiled it at our 15th annual educational conference.

Future Chapter Plans:

• Put our “Welcome Manual” on our chapter website
GOAL TWO: Enhance the mix of products and services
GOAL TWO - continued

We improved our website this year.

Next steps:

• Catalogue our “questions and answers” and post on the website
GOAL THREE: Expand the association’s educational initiatives
GOAL THREE

We promote education **NOW** by:

- Our ongoing relationships with the Regional Infection Control Networks of Ontario (CSICN, WWICN, MHICN)
- Networking during breaks and after the meeting
Networking after a Chapter Meeting

Because we may only see each other a few times a year, it is always great to share ideas, projects and issues!
Christmas Party

Thanks to Tricia Hutton for hosting!
See our Chapter’s Support for Education

• We financially supported 17 chapter members to attend the CHICA-Canada National Conference in Toronto. (Amounts varied based on request. Many people commuted to the conference.)

• $100 was provided to each of 17 members/facilities who applied for support for their Infection Control Week 2011 activities
GOAL THREE - continued

• Sharing our questions and answers at each meeting
• Sharing evidence-based resources
• Having excellent speakers for our educational sessions and annual educational conferences
• Financially supporting attendance at the CHICA-Canada National Conference plus other conferences (APIC, IFIC, SHEA etc.)
GOAL THREE - continued

Future Chapter Plans:

• Continue to financially support members to attend conferences
• Continue submissions to CJIC and other journals
• Revisit a former journal club initiative
• Encourage members to write their CIC and advertise the available study groups. Continue to congratulate each CIC and SARE success and circulate lists for CIC and SARE at every meeting
GOAL FOUR: Expand and develop the membership base
GOAL FOUR

We promote membership in CHICA-Canada NOW by:

• Acknowledging our retirees in hopes they will continue to support our chapter activities

• Encouraging acknowledgement of creativity, innovation and service with our “Out of the Box Award” and “Hygeia Award”

• Advertising our promotion of financial support for our members’ Infection Control Week activities. (This is very popular with our membership!)
GOAL FOUR - continued

• Advertising our financial support for our members’ attendance to the annual CHICA-Canada educational conference. Applicants must attend chapter meetings regularly to be eligible
• Promoting CHICA-Canada at our annual educational day
• Encouraging guests at our chapter meetings to become members of CHICA-Canada
GOAL FOUR - continued

In the past year we:

• Encouraged membership from corrections, funeral services, EMS, etc.

Future Chapter Plans:

• Improve our membership list; reconcile our numerous lists and get to know our members better
• A membership drive
• Advertising our educational sessions more to encourage attendance; circulate more widely
GOAL FIVE: Provide national and international leadership
GOAL FIVE

We promote leadership in national and international activities **NOW** by:

- Supporting the President and President-Elect to attend the annual CHICA-Canada conference, where they are expected to attend national committee meetings and interest groups, thus, encouraging participation in said committees.

- Our succession planning: The President serves two years, President-Elect and Past President serve one year in each role, thus, providing experience and mentoring and exposure to national activities and issues.
See Our Support of and Involvement with CHICA-Canada

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GOAL FIVE - continued

• Encouraging membership in interest groups and CHICA-Canada committees at our meetings by discussing interest group activities as one of our standing agenda items

• Our past history of having four of our CHICA-HANDIC members become CHICA-Canada presidents: Sandra Callery, Adrienne Brown, Joanne Laalo and Anne Bialachowski

• Our financial support for conferences with the expectation that attendees report their experiences to the membership
Our Support and Involvement of International Infection Prevention and Control

• We donated $200 to IFIC AND

• 6 Runners participated in the “Run for IFIC” at the Toronto conference

Please see "Supporting Documents” for donation receipt
Our Support and Involvement of International Infection Prevention and Control

We supported 3 people to attend international conferences:

• Lydia Salvino attended APIC
• Chris Mitchell attended SHEA
• Risa Cashmore attended IFIC

Risa Cashmore attended IFIC in Venice, Italy
GOAL FIVE - continued

Future Chapter Plans:

• Encourage conference attendance
• Encourage interest group and CHICA-Canada committee involvement
Our Community Involvement
Community Involvement

• We donated $200 to “Spread the Net”

See http://www.spreadthenet.org/index.php?id=6

Please see “Supporting Documents” for receipt copies

• Virginia Tirilis continues regular IPAC education for her local “Brownie” troop
In Conclusion…..

Please be sure to see our YouTube presentation about CHICA-HANDIC's "2011 Year in Review"

We hope you enjoyed our submission and have a better understanding of our chapter activities, goals and achievements.

Our chapter remains very vibrant and active. Thank you for your time and consideration!

The CHICA-HANDIC Chapter